

Yesterday I met with constituents representing the Y-ME Breast Cancer Organization. More than 40,000 women will die from breast cancer this year. It is the leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States between the ages of 20 and 59. I am proud to be a new co-sponsor of H.R. 2231, the Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2005, which would authorize \$30 million for research on environmental factors related to breast cancer. We all know a mother, a sister, a daughter, a grandmother or a friend with breast cancer. Nearly \$5 billion are already allocated to cancer research through the National Cancer Institute. We must continue our efforts to find a cure.